Unreserved Ticket system at NDLs

1171. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister of Railways inaugurated recently the Unreserved Ticket System at New Delhi Railway Station;

(b) if so, whether the Railways intend to extend this facility to Tamil Nadu and other States;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A pilot project of Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) for issuing of Unreserved Tickets was commissioned in Delhi area of Northern Railway on 15.8.2002 which was inaugurated by Minister for Railways. Based on the evaluation of this project, demand pattern and resource availability, it will be extended on other zonal Railways in phased manner.

National Rail Vikas Yojna

1172. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount proposed to be spent under the National Rail Vikas Yojna during this year;

(b) the areas and the projects to be covered;

(c) the amount to be spent for this purpose during this year; and

(d) the action proposed to modernize the existing infrastructure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) The National Rail Vikas Yojana (NRVY) includes four areas—Strengthening of Golden Quadrilateral, strengthening of Rail connectivity to Ports, construction of four Mega Bridges and accelerated completion of Last Mile and Other Important Projects. Certain projects, covered under strengthening of Golden Quadrilateral and construction of Mega Bridges, are already sanctioned. These are indicated in the enclosed Statement. (*See below*). The outlay for these sanctioned works for the year 2002-03 is Rs. 387.05 Crores. The projects for Strengthening of Port Connectivity are under finalization. The additional Rs. 763 crores during 2002-03, indicated in